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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Action mailed on November 21, 2003. Please consider of the following:

REMARKS

[1-2] Claims 1 and 6 were rejected over Gerber '373, earlier cited and now applied. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

(1) Claim 1 recites

... a substrate including a specular surface, ... a thin plate deposited *on the specular surface* ... wherein the substrate is beveled toward a cutting edge of the blade; and *wherein the cutting edge comprises the plate extending to the cutting edge*

It follows from the italicized language that the specular surface is not the surface that is ground to sharpen the blade. If the side with the specular surface and

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